

## CSD PROCESSES: Potential Processes for Achieving Desired Outcomes of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development

The Plan of Implementation adopted at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) calls for changes aimed at focusing the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) on specific actions that promote and implement sustainable development. In the April/May discussions of the future of the CSD, it will be important to consider not only the desired outcomes of the CSD, but also which processes might produce those outcomes. This paper identifies key outcomes and suggests a menu of processes that could be used to achieve those outcomes ranging from capacity building to negotiations.

See Appendix for further elaboration of the process elements listed below.

### **Key Outcome A: Increased capacity for implementation**

#### Potential processes for achieving this outcome

- Expert-to-expert training for policymakers and practitioners (e.g. fora such as the "Summit Institute on Sustainable Development")
- Traditional side events
- Capacity building on how to build/maintain/manage partnerships and initiatives
- Site visits
- "Virtual University" with continuing learning opportunities

### **Key Outcome B: Enhanced and additional partnerships and initiatives**

#### Potential processes for achieving this outcome

- Voluntary self reporting on existing partnerships (objectives, measures of success, lessons learned)
- Presentations of strategies/priorities for sustainable development (could be regional, national, subnational, int'l organizations, civil society, business and industry, etc.)
- Traditional side events
- Exhibits
- Brainstorming sessions
- Matchmaking sessions
- Site visits
- "Cabaret" dialogues

### **Key Outcome C: Increased stakeholder participation/integration**

#### Potential processes for achieving this outcome

- Voluntary self-reporting on partnerships
- Facilitated roundtables
- "Cabaret" dialogues
- Presentations of strategies/priorities for sustainable development (could be regional, national, subnational, int'l organizations, civil society, business and industry, etc.)
- Traditional side events
- Exhibits
- Keynote with interactive dialogue/panel discussions
- Brainstorming sessions
- Webcast discussions
- Electronic Conferences

### **Key Outcome D: Mobilizing resources for sustainable development**

#### Potential processes for achieving this outcome

- Presentations of strategies/priorities for sustainable development (could be regional, national, subnational, int'l organizations, civil society, business and industry, etc.)
- Exhibits
- Matchmaking sessions
- Expert-to-expert training

### **Key Outcome E: Enhanced donor coordination/complementarity**

#### Potential processes for achieving this outcome

- Presentations of strategies/priorities for sustainable development (could be regional, national, subnational, int'l organizations, civil society, business and industry, etc.)
- Matchmaking sessions
- Traditional side events
- Posting of information on CSD website

### **Key Outcome F: Policy guidance**

#### Potential processes for achieving this outcome

- Negotiations
- Plenaries
- Brainstorming about best practices, gap analysis, barriers to implementation, next steps
- Reports/Chair's Summaries on gap analysis/next steps, etc.

### **Key Outcome G: A rich source of information on implementation**

#### Potential processes for achieving this outcome:

- Enhancing/updating of CSD website
- Reports on Partnerships
- Traditional side events
- Exhibits
- Written materials/publications (best practices, lessons learned, advocacy, analyses)
- "Virtual University"
- Matchmaking sessions
- Virtual site visits